

A New Type of Lifestyle Choice

Extended family-style living is one of the most attractive aspects of the Shared Living model. This type of atmosphere is vital and plays a significant role in the individualized and consistent care of people with special needs.

We know our residents well, and we do everything we can to match individuals with a family that will cultivate their shared interests and exceed at meeting their needs. Parents and guardians seeking additional support for their loved one can rest easy knowing they have a professional extended family providing consistent, engaging, community-based care.



We know that Tom is in a stable home and well-cared for, and if or when anything happens to us, that won't change"

- Allison, Parent of a Shared Living Resident



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INNOVATIONS

The Professional Family Model

A Shared Living Program



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PROVEN SERVICE MODELS

GoodLife's models of care are based on research supported by our partnership with The University of Kansas Applied Behavioral Sciences department and over 40 years of experience serving persons with disabilities.

We believe a life of dignity and independence is possible, no matter the challenge. We aim to provide the highest outcomes for care by pairing an individual and Professional Family Teacher who share lifestyle preferences and are motivated to help each other reach their goals.

GoodLife empowers persons served with the support, services, and technology needed to thrive within the community.

Professional Family Teachers

Our Professional Family Teachers (also known as PFTs) are the program's most valuable resource. They are GoodLife contractors who are pre-screened, professionally trained, and very carefully matched with an individual. Our specialized matching process ensures that parents, guardians, PFTs, and the person served all benefit from becoming an extended family.

SHARED LIVING HOMES

Shared Living homes are located throughout the counties served by GoodLife. Homes are private family homes that Professional Family Teachers own or rent.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Shared Living Homes support and encourage community involvement that is individualized and provides opportunities for residents to participate in events and activities outside their home or day service program.

The numbers tell our Shared Living story:



100%
SATISFACTION

In our latest 2021 Survey, Parents and Guardians of individuals served within the program report an average rating of 3.69 out of 4 on the quality of services provided for their family member.

2-5%
TURNOVER

National turnover exceeds 50% (often nearing 70% for residential programs), but the average PFT contractor turnover rate annually (since 1999) ranges between 2-5%

7
YEARS

Shared Living Homes have an average length of placement of 7 years, and GoodLife's longest home placement has been paired for 19 years!